

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

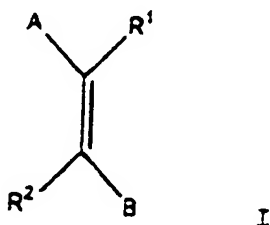
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-16 (canceled).

17 (currently amended). A formulation comprising a first polymeric compound and a second compound, wherein said first polymeric compound is selected from:

(A) a compound prepared in a method comprising the following steps:

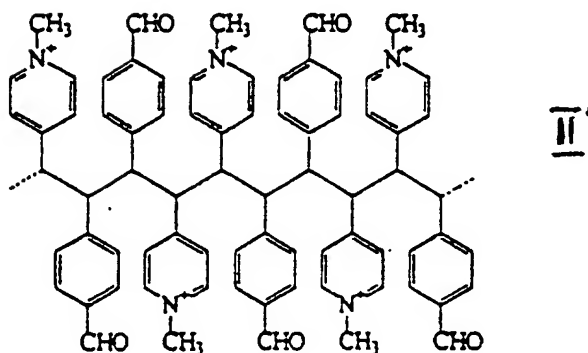
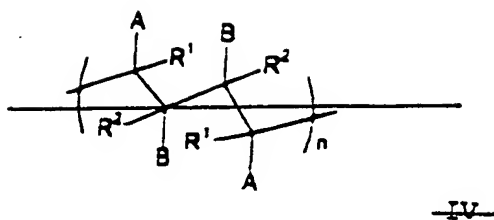
(a) providing an aqueous solvent containing a compound having the following formula



wherein A is an optionally-substituted aromatic or heteroaromatic group; B is an optionally-substituted aromatic or heteroaromatic group; A and B are the same or different and at least one comprises a polar atom or group, R¹ and R² independently comprise a non-polar atom or group; and

(b) causing the groups C=C in said compound I to react with one another to form said compound; or

(B) a compound having the formula



wherein A, B, R¹ and R² are as described in (A) (a) and n has a value which is half the number of molecules of compound I which assemble into a micelle of compound I in water.

18 (previously presented). The formulation of claim 17, wherein, in step (A) (a), said compound I is in said solvent at a concentration at which molecules of said compound I aggregate.

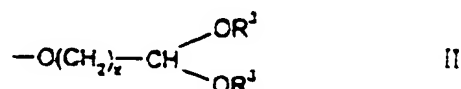
19 (previously presented). The formulation of claim 17, wherein, in step (A) (b), the groups C=C in said compound I are caused to react in a photochemical reaction.

20 (previously presented). The formulation of claim 17, wherein A and B are different.

21 (previously presented). The formulation of claim 17, wherein one of groups A and B comprises a substituent which is an alkyl group.

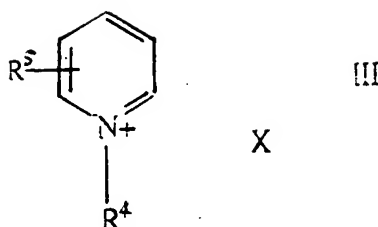
22 (previously presented). The formulation of claim 17, wherein one of groups A and B comprises a substituent which includes a carbonyl or acetal group.

23 (currently amended). The formulation of claim 17, wherein A is a phenyl group substituted by a formyl group or a group having the following formula:



wherein x is an integer from 1 to 6 and each R³ is independently an alkyl or phenyl group or together form an ~~alkylene~~ alkylene group.

24 (currently amended). The formulation of claim 17, wherein B has the following formula:



wherein R^4 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or aralkyl group, R^5 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group and X represents a strongly acid ion.

25 (previously presented). The formulation of claim 17, wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from a hydrogen atom and an optionally-substituted alkyl group.

26 (previously presented). The formulation of claim 17, wherein A is an optionally substituted aromatic group, B is an optionally-substituted heteroaromatic group, R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from a hydrogen atom and an optionally-substituted alkyl group.

27 (previously presented). The formulation of claim 17, wherein said second compound comprises a second polymeric compound which includes one or more functional groups capable of reacting with said first polymeric compound.

28 (currently amended). The formulation of claim 27, wherein said second polymeric compound is selected from optionally substituted polyvinylalcohol, polyvinylacetate, polyalkylene glycols and collagen and any component thereof.

29 (previously presented). A formulation according to claim 27, wherein said second polymeric compound is selected from optionally substituted polyvinylalcohol, polyvinylacetate and polyakylene glycols.

30 (previously presented). A formulation according to claim 27, wherein said second polymeric compound is selected from polyvinylalcohol and polyvinylacetate.

31 (previously presented). A formulation according to claim 27, wherein said second polymeric compound is selected from optionally substituted polyvinylacetate.

32 (previously presented). A formulation according to claim 27, wherein said second polymeric compound is polyvinylacetate.

33-36 (cancelled)